

Remarks

This Response is considered fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2008. Claims 1-23 were pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-23 stand rejected. Claim 4 stands objected to but have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this Response, no claims have been added. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 3, 4, and 9-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, and 5-8 are now pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Interview Summary

The Examiner is thanked for his time in discussing the case on 11 February 2009. No agreement was reached.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features previously found in claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and claims 2 and 5-8 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In view of the amendments to independent claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 9-23, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 are moot.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 2, and 5-8 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has fully responded to each and every objection and rejection in the Office action dated November 12, 2008 and believes that claims 1, 2, and 5-8 are in a condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith. The Applicant believes no other fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or

petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney. If the Examiner believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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